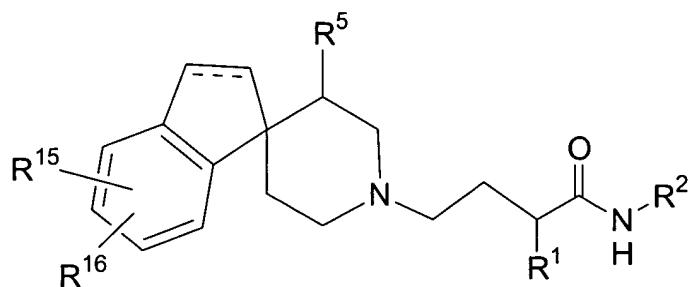


Amendment to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (canceled)
2. (currently amended) ~~The compound of Claim 1~~ A compound of the formula Ib:



Ib

wherein the dashed line represents a single or a double bond and wherein

R¹ is selected from:

- (1) -CH(CH₃)₂,
- (2) -CH₂CH₂CH₃,
- (3) -CH₂CH(CH₃)₂,
- (4) -cyclopropyl,
- (5) -cyclobutyl,
- (6) -cyclopentyl,
- (7) -CH₂-cyclopropyl,
- (8) -CH₂-cyclobutyl,
- (9) -C(CH₃)₂(OH),
- (10) -(OH)cyclobutyl,
- (11) -(OH)cyclopentyl,
- (12) -C(CH₃)₂(NHCOCH₃),
- (13) -O-CH₃,
- (14) -O-CH(CH₃)₂,

(15) -S-CH₃,

(16) -S-CF₃,

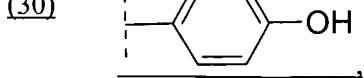
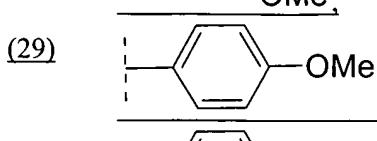
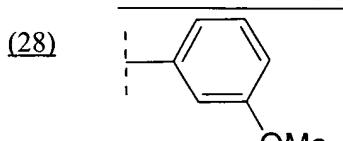
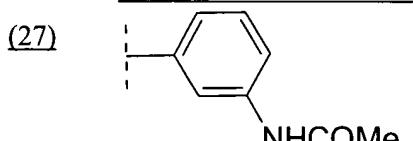
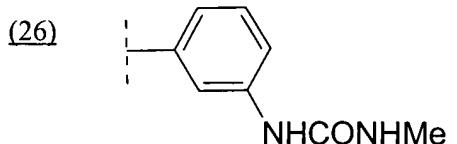
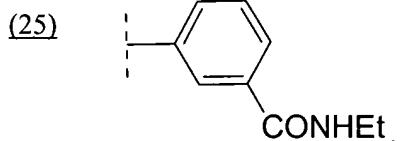
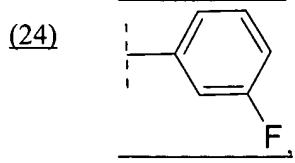
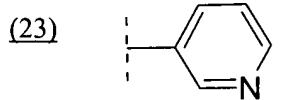
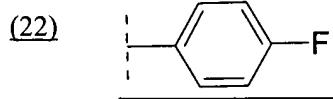
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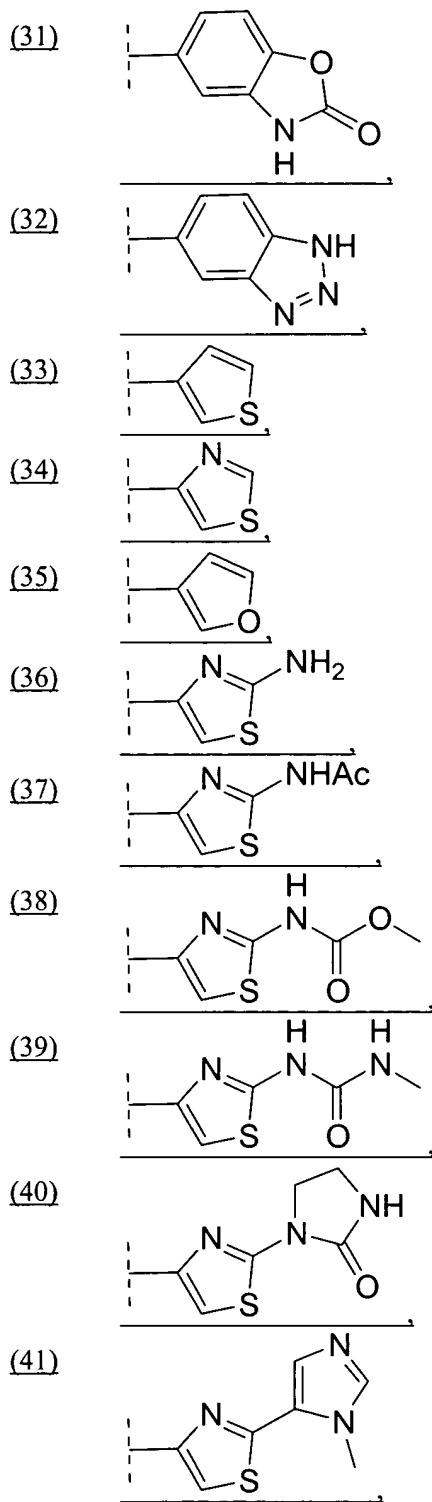
(18) -S-CH(CH₃)₂,

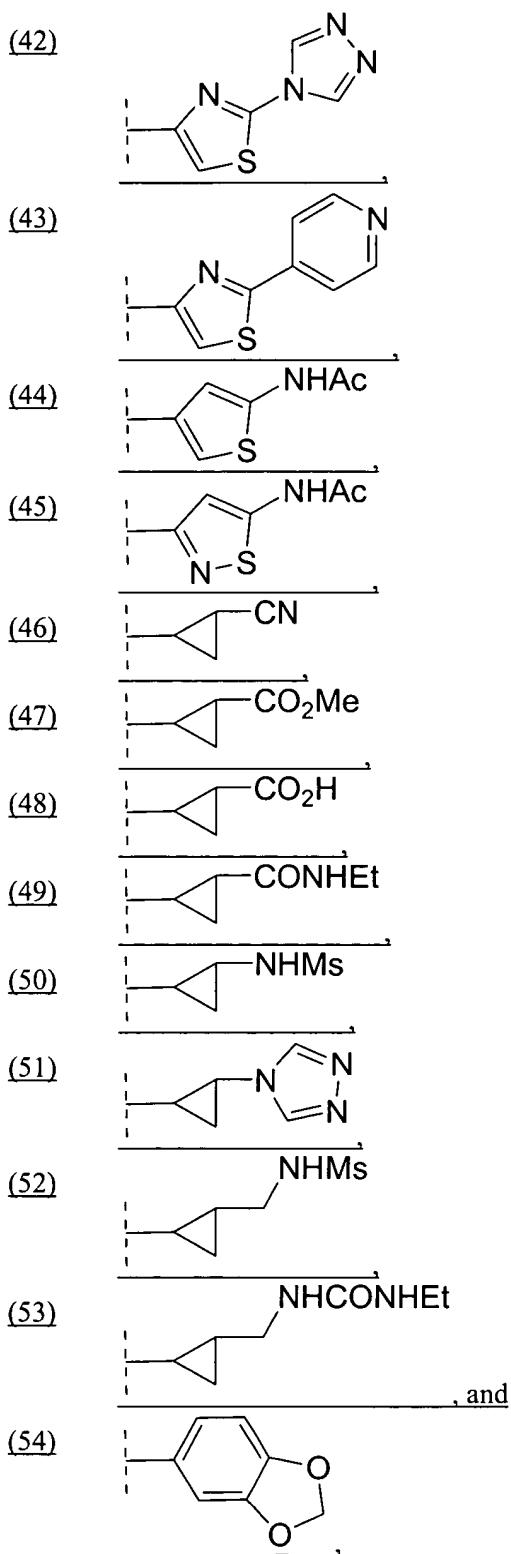
(19) -SO₂-CH(CH₃)₂,

(20) -NH-SO₂-CH₃,

(21) -phenyl,







and positional and stereo isomers thereof;

R² is selected from: (C₀₋₆alkyl)-phenyl and (C₀₋₆alkyl)-heterocycle, where the alkyl is unsubstituted or substituted with 1-7 substituents where the substituents are independently selected from:

- (a) halo,
- (b) hydroxy,
- (c) -O-C₁₋₃alkyl,
- (d) trifluoromethyl,
- (e) -C₁₋₃alkyl,
- (f) -CO₂R⁹, and
- (g) oxo;

and where the phenyl and the heterocycle may be unsubstituted or substituted with 1-5 substituents where the substituents are independently selected from:

- (a) halo,
- (b) trifluoromethyl,
- (c) trifluoromethoxy,
- (d) hydroxy,
- (e) C₁₋₆alkyl,
- (f) C₃₋₇cycloalkyl,
- (g) -O-C₁₋₆alkyl,
- (h) -O-C₃₋₇cycloalkyl,
- (i) -SCF₃,
- (j) -S-C₁₋₆alkyl,
- (k) -SO₂-C₁₋₆alkyl,
- (l) phenyl,
- (m) heterocycle,
- (n) -CO₂R⁹,
- (o) -CN,
- (p) -NR⁹R¹⁰,
- (q) -NR⁹-SO₂-R¹⁰,
- (r) -SO₂-NR⁹R¹⁰,
- (s) -CONR⁹R¹⁰, and

(t) -O-phenyl;

R⁵ is selected from:

- (a) hydrogen,
- (b) hydroxy,
- (c) C₁₋₆alkyl,
- (d) C₁₋₆alkyl-hydroxy,
- (e) -O-C₁₋₃alkyl,
- (f) oxo, and
- (g) halo,
- (h) C₀₋₄CO₂R⁹, and
- (i) CF₃,

R¹⁵ and R¹⁶ are independently selected from:

- (a) hydrogen,
- (b) halo,
- (c) trifluoromethyl,
- (d) hydroxy,
- (e) C₁₋₃alkyl,
- (f) -O-C₁₋₃alkyl,
- (g) -CO₂H,
- (h) -CO₂C₁₋₃alkyl,
- (i) -CN, and
- (j) heterocycle;

and pharmaceutically acceptable salts and individual diastereomers thereof.

3. (canceled)

4. (canceled)

5. (canceled)

6. (canceled)

7. (canceled)

8. (canceled)

9. (canceled)

10. (canceled)

11. (currently amended) The compound of Claim 10 2 wherein R² is selected from:

- (1) -CH₂-(phenyl),
- (2) -CH₂-(4-bromophenyl),
- (3) -CH₂-(3-chlorophenyl),
- (4) -CH₂-(3,5-difluorophenyl),
- (5) -CH₂-((2-trifluoromethyl)phenyl),
- (6) -CH₂-((3-trifluoromethyl)phenyl),
- (7) -CH₂-((4-trifluoromethyl)phenyl),
- (8) -CH₂-((3-trifluoromethoxy)phenyl),
- (9) -CH₂-((3-trifluoromethylthio)phenyl),
- (10) -CH₂-((3-trifluoromethoxy-5-thiomethyl)phenyl),
- (11) -CH₂-((3-trifluoromethoxy-5-methoxy)phenyl),
- (12) -CH₂-((3-trifluoromethoxy-5-methanesulfonyl)phenyl),
- (13) -CH₂-((3-trifluoromethoxy-5-amino)phenyl),
- (14) -CH₂-((3-trifluoromethoxy-5-aminomethanesulfonyl)phenyl),
- (15) -CH₂-((3-trifluoromethoxy-5-sulfonylamino)phenyl),
- (16) -CH₂-((3,5-bis-trifluoromethyl)phenyl),
- (17) -CH₂-((3-fluoro-5-trifluoromethyl)phenyl),
- (18) -CH(CH₃)-((3,5-bis-trifluoromethyl)phenyl),
- (19) -C(CH₃)₂-((3,5-bis-trifluoromethyl)phenyl),
- (20) -CH₂-(4-(2-trifluoromethyl)pyridyl),
- (21) -CH₂-(5-(3-trifluoromethyl)pyridyl),

- (22) -CH₂-(5-(3-trifluoromethyl)pyridazinyl),
- (23) -CH₂-(4-(2-trifluoromethyl)pyridyl-N-oxide), and
- (24) -CH₂-(5-(3-trifluoromethyl)pyridyl-N-oxide).

12. (canceled)

13. (canceled)

14. (canceled)

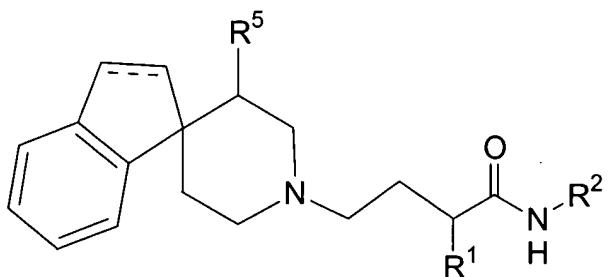
15. (canceled)

16. (canceled)

17. (canceled)

18. (canceled)

19. The compound of Claim ‡ 2 of the formula:



wherein the dashed line represents a single or a double bond,

R⁵ is hydrogen or methyl;

and pharmaceutically acceptable salts and individual diastereomers thereof.

20. (canceled)

21. (canceled)

22. (canceled)

23. (canceled)

24. (canceled)

25. (canceled)

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27. (canceled)